1	2	3	4
5.	Mizoram	Aizwal	Bhairabi-Sairang (51.38 km) - Final Location Survey taken up. Extension of line to Aizwal will be examined during Final Location Survey.
6.	Sikkim	Gangtok	Rangpo-Gangtok (60 km) - Survey for Sivok-Rangpo (53 km) completed and proposal processed for approval of the Government. For Rangpo - Gangtok (60 km), survey taken up.

The estimates for various projects would get firmed up after completion of Final Location Surveys.

Abolition of Posts in West Central Railway

†899. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 4116 posts of West Central Railway are being abolished by Railways;

(b) if so, the number of posts being abolished due to this retrenchment in West Central Railway division alongwith the name of the departments in the said division where such posts are being abolished;

(c) whether this retrenchment is being done under the policy of reducing the number of employees in Government bodies due to policy of globalisation; and

(d) whether abolishing the posts of railway employees in such a large number would not affect the work and security of Railways whereas Railways are already facing the staff crunch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Laying of new lines

900. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made in laying new rail lines between Bhadrachalam and Kovvur and Nadakudi and Srikalahasti;

(b) the reasons for delay in completing the construction of these new lines; and

(c) by when the work on these new lines is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The surveys for Bhadrachalam-Kovvur and Nadikudi-Srikalahasti have been completed. The projects are not yet sanctioned.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National projects in North Eastern region

901. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the resource mobilization in respect of executing four railway projects namely Bogibeel bridge project, gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkongselek, Azra-Byrnihat new line and Dimapur-Kohima new line in the North East Region cleared by Union Cabinet for execution as National Project;

(b) if so, the details of the decision by the Union Cabinet in this regard and status of its execution;

(c) the reason for inordinate delay in execution of the said projects; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) It has been decided to implement the mentioned four projects as National Projects. The projects are to be funded through normal Gross Budgetary Support of Railways to the extent of 25% and balance 75% as additionality to be provided by Ministry of Finance. A proposal for creation of Non Lapsable Rail Development Fund has been initiated.

(c) and (d) There has been some delay in execution of Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge due to various reasons including fund constraints, delay in finalization of bridge sub-structure contract. Likely dates of completion fixed are as under:-

Name of the project	Date of Completion
Bogibeel Bridge	March 2012
Rangia-Murkongselek	March 2012
Azra-Byrnihat	2014-15
Dimapur-Kohima	2014-15

Terrorist activities on railways

902. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have become a soft target for terrorists, naxalites and other disruptive forces causing loss of innocent lives and loss of properties;

(b) the number of bomb blast incidents taken place in Railways during the last three years and how many persons were killed therein;

(c) the steps taken by Railways to strengthen and modernize arrangements; and

(d) the number of vacancies in various ranks lying in Railway Protection Special Force and steps taken to fill them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of bomb blasts incidents took place in Railways (in trains & Railway premises) and number of persons killed in these incidents during the last three years *i.e.* 2005, 2006 and 2007 and 2008 (upto September) are as under:-